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NEXT KCDXC MEETING: Feb. 24-

The Oct. meeting will be held on Monday, Feb. 24, at 6:00 p.m. at our regular location, the Central Resource Library 9875 W 87th Street in Overland Park KS. The program will be A video of FT5ZM DXpedition. It will be followed by the famous Pie Eating Contest after the KCDXC meeting.

2020 KCDXC DUES!

All KCDXC members are reminded to send in their 2020 dues. Our KCDXC web page has a Paypal link on it to pay dues with, if desired. Scroll to the bottom of the web page. Also, dues can be mailed to WØZAP, RICHARD D PARENT, 5011 West 155th Terrace, OVERLAND PARK, KS 66224-3813, USA. Of course, our new Treasurer will accept your cash or check at the next KCDXC meeting. KCDXC dues remain at \$20!

SOUTH ORKNEY DXPEDITION



[SEE PAGE 5 FOR DETAILS!](#)

KCDXC DXCC HONOR ROLL

Call	Mixed	CW	Phone	DIGI	IOTA	160	6 M DXCC	DX Challenge
K0CS	357	320	352			233	85	2377
AB0X	357	353	349	230		225	23	2374
W0GJ	354	344	354	292		236	20	2799
W0JLC	353	351	331			102		
N0RB	352	346	350				23	1806
K0CA	350	349	348	329	318	110		2627
N0CWR	350	349	350	324	860	202	35	2890
NX0I	350	349	347	244		208	4	2502
K3PA	350	348	345	319		184	36	2724
K0HQQ	349	333	347			33		1352
KS0DX	347	318	348	129	360			2218
K4SV	346	340	344	337		301	87	2852
AC0A	348	318	348		838		15	2223
K0VXU	348	335	331	265	439	143	2	2295
K0GY	344	340	344	290			5	2312
KB0X	336							
K0AP	333	331	325	295		47	5	2353
W0QQ	333	227	331	189	151	103		1681
K4SX	331	277	314	146		52		1617
KE5BR	330	177	297	79				742
WA0WOF	330							
K0THN	329	314	284		179	1		1849
W0MB	325	229	324	251				1165
W0FS	322	270	295	230	657	181		1770
K0XM	321	282	274	42	26			1296
AA0MZ	312	290	292	220	532	44	20	1852
AC0C	302	292	233	220		87	2	1822
KG0UA	283	277	116			4		
NS0D	263	219	142	130		3	2	833
W0XE	248	216	193	14				888
AD0K	226	214	80	85	183	22	3	622
W0DR	225	188	174	5		5	7	
N9GB	203							
KS0AA	172	75	84	154		3		507
W0ZAP	144	34	72	77		5	5	218
KY0F	140	2	140					
AA0LV	112							
WD0SRI	63	17	56			1	1	102

Red indicates member is at the top of the DXCC Honor Roll in that respective class. Total are with deletions.

NOTE: When changes of DXCC totals are sent in to me, they are immediately updated in the next month here in the newsletter. Send to ab0x@kc.rr.com . Please only one update a month.

January 27, 2020

Kansas City DX Club Meeting Minutes



Carmack Community Room, Central Resource Library, Overland Park, KS

The January, 2020 meeting of the Kansas City DX Club was called to order by Vice President **Lee Ward, K0LW** at 6:00 pm CST (January 28, 0000 UTC).

Agenda -

- Greeting and Introduction of Guests
- Miscellaneous topics
- Closing Informal Pie Eating and Tall-Tale Telling @ Dennys at 105th and Metcalf (Perkins has closed)

Introductions -

We introduced ourselves. Guests present were: **AK0A Ken Kopp** (Many of you will recognize this as the call of former club member Bill Boeckenhaupt SK), and **N6UOP John Harris - WELCOME VISITORS**

2020 - 2021 Officer Results

Russ Woirhaye **K0VXU** President.

Charlie Hett **K0THN** Secretary.

Rick Parent **W0ZAP** Treasurer. Rick will be collecting all monies from members when required. No other nominations for the above were received so Russ and Rick and Charlie were elected by the members at the end of the last meeting.

Lee Ward, K0LW volunteered to be Vice President.

Discussion

Lee Ward, K0LW, talked about his trip to the St. Louis, Mo area. There were many that event. He showed a picture of a very product that will soon be available for having internet problems. No price was be available by April 1, 2020.



Winterfest in good forums at interesting those that are given. It may

Lee showed many pictures of past events and club.

members of the

There was quite a bit of discussion about activity on the low bands. Conditions have been great lately.

Dave Fischer, W7FB, gave a short lecture on why the low bands have been so good. It had to do, as usual, with the suns' effect on the various layers of the atmosphere.

Rick Parent, W0ZAP, talked about Parks On The Air (POTA). Rick has become quite active in the POTA activity. You can go to their website <https://parksontheair.com/> for more information.

Announcements

If you want to update your DX status on the web site or in the newsletter contact, **Don, W0XE** or **Mike, AB0X**.

If you need a ride or you know of someone who needs a ride to our meetings let **Russ, K0VXU** know. We would like to make sure everyone who wishes to attend can do so.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:30pm.

Charles Hett, **K0THN** KCDX Club Secretary

THE LAST MAN STANDING OPERATION

BY **K0VXU**

It all started when Rob, K6RB, put out a request for CW operators in the Los Angeles area to guest op at KA6LMS, the Last Man Standing ARC. Since my son and his family live in the Los Angeles area and since the XYL and I visit a couple of times a year, I volunteered. Rob put me touch with John Amodeo, Producer of the TV Show Last Man Standing. After exchanging emails telling him when I would make my next visit, we agreed on January 28, 2020 as the date. John explained that they do the final taping on Tuesday and that there is a short window to operate the fully functional station on the set of Mike Baxter's office before the taping.

My son's birthday is in late January, so Vicki and I traveled to Burbank to celebrate his birthday and then stayed over a few days to allow me to operate at KA6LMS. I had worked the station before and had looked up the address on QRZ.com. The studio is a little over a mile from my son's house in Studio City and I knew exactly where it was from previous visits to southern California.

Naturally, I was excited to be a guest op. Not knowing what transceiver I would be using I took along lots of equipment including 2 laptop computers, cables, and a Vibrokeyer paddle. I'm sure TSA had a moment of excitement when they x-rayed my bag as they searched it and left me a note saying how sorry they were.

The day and time arrived and Vicki and I made the short trip to the studios. After a few anxious moments with lot security, we were ushered to John's office where we also met Rob, AA6RA, whom I had worked previously at KA6LMS. It was nice to put a face to the name. Being the nerd that I am I showed John my license and then discussed getting set up. From viewing the TV show, I thought that the transceiver was an ICOM-7610. Thinking I needed a USB cable, I had searched the area stores and purchased the right one, but as it turns out the transceiver was an ICOM-7300. John said the 7610 was too large for the set and he had asked ICOM for the 7300 instead. However, John was prepared and had a box of various cables. He produced the correct one and we were off to the set.

The studio is part of the CBS Studios where several TV shows are produced. We arrived at

Studio 9 where the show is produced and John led me to Mike Baxter's office and the IC-7300. I was surprised at how small the set was. John explained that we couldn't move things as they were part of the set and had already been shown in earlier episodes. Luckily my Vibrokeyer paddle could be located in front of the 7300 and my laptop with logging program was placed on the wire outbasket next to the radio. The set contains a Vibrokeyer paddle but it had been worked over pretty good and was seriously out of adjustment. Rob proceeded to hook the computer to the 7300 and I was off.

At this point I must admit that I had never worked a 7300 before. I felt really dumb. But after a few minutes of twiddling the knobs and learning how to use the touch screen I began to feel more comfortable.

I had told everyone that I would start on 14.037 MHz. The antenna was a fan dipole on top of the building and it picked up considerable noise on 14 MHz. In fact the noise level was S9 across the band. I attempted a few QSO's on 14 MHz and decided to try 7.037 MHz. The noise level was much less on 40 meters and I began calling CQ. I could discern stations calling but they were not right on the frequency. Quickly I learned to operate the passband tuning and to use split and RIT to tune in stations. That worked much better.

While operating I HAD to use headphones as they were shooting a scene down the way on another of the show's sets. In fact, I was chastised a few times for being too noisy. Eventually the scene was shot and they left me alone.

In all I made about 40 QSO's on 20 and 40 meters. I thought I would have more time at the rig but Rob came by and said shut it down after about an hour and 20 minutes. Here are a couple of pictures showing me in action and view of the studio audience seating viewed from the set. We wanted to take more pictures but Rob said that was not allowed. We were lucky to get away with these.

John offered to give us premium seating in the audience as they taped that night but we couldn't stay to the end. So we left without getting to view the taping. In the picture of me at the key notice that I was wearing a long sleeve sweatshirt. This was my Kansas QSO Party shirt from 2018. It is warm and soft. The studio was air conditioned heavily and the sweatshirt was just right.

As it turns out, John, AA6JA, lives two blocks from my son. I was surprised that he had a station set up at his home as the city lots are very smallish. John said he had a crank-up tower with a StepIR on top. When I drove by his house, I noticed that the tower was cranked all the way down and the StepIR was nearly resting on top of the one-story house.

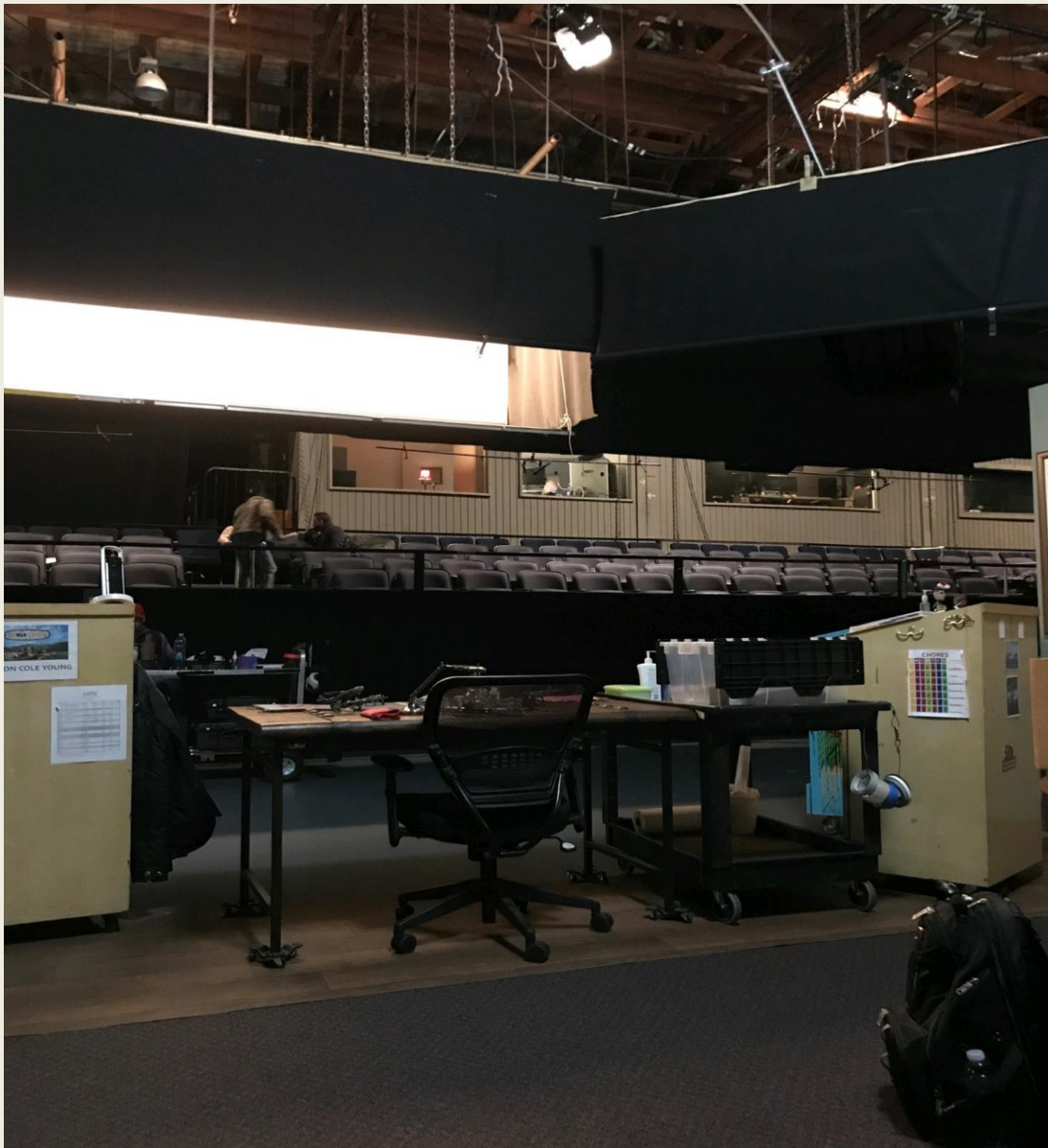
Rob lives a couple of miles from my son which also surprised me. In my visits to Burbank and Studio City I have found many hams somehow getting an antenna up on city lots. Other notables I have observed on my visits to Burbank are W6AFA, a great contester that I have worked many times on CW and SSB and WB6ACU. All of these hams are within 3 miles of my son. I am sure there must be others that I have not found. There are a lot of people in the Los Angeles area.

As for being on a TV show set, I did not get to see or do much. However, Vicki got the tour and has told stories of seeing the various sets used on the show. The actors were not disposed to greet the public so we did not get to meet them. I did see Nancy Travis waiting to enter a set during the scene being shot mentioned previously. Also, there is no laugh track so all laughter heard on the show is from the studio audience. I was surprised how the studio audience seating was arranged. It ran the length of all the

studio sets on the stage. See the picture. Also, several shows are being produced on the lot so there is a huge 5 story parking garage just for studio audience members. Production staff has its own 5 story parking garage. They are very keen about letting people on the lot. I was given a window of 3 pm to 3:30 pm show up at the production staff garage. Being from the Midwest, I showed up at 2:55 pm and they threw a big fit about letting me on the lot. Eventually, I got sent to someone with authority and I was allowed on the lot and told where to park in the Production Staff garage.

John gave us a short talk on how the show was contracted to ABC and then cancelled. Then Fox picked it for several more seasons. Eventually, Fox was bought by Disney which also owns ABC. Only in Hollywood. John has promoted the show everywhere he can and in 2012 or 2103 he gave a presentation at the ICOM booth at Dayton. Somehow I missed that in Dayton.

I want to thank Rob, K6RB, for brokering this for me. He managed to multitask as he was in the process of moving to San Diego and handling this business at the same time. I also wish to thank John Amodeo for being courteous and helpful in getting me on the set. John's assistant, Katie Bucu, was also very helpful in getting information to us. And a big thanks to Rob, AA6RA, for coming over on his day off to help out.





DX NEWS & VIEWS

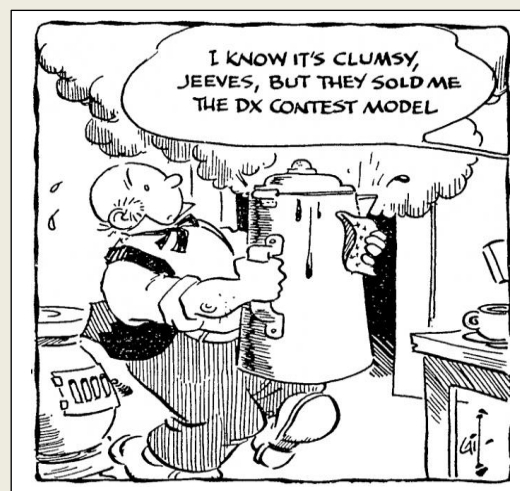
BY ABØX

With the both ARRL DX Contests scheduled in the coming days, the cartoon on the right by Gil came to mind. Jeeves was a regular in the DX column of QST and always provided a laugh!

The ARRL contests offer new countries for many along with slot fillers for those chasing the DXCC Challenge Award. Many of our top scorers in the KCDXC in the ARRL Challenge Award like WØGJ and NØCWR will verify that the DX contests are a quick source for those semi-rare countries that aren't on all the time. The DX contests also are a great source for new ones on the WØAR DX Contest sponsored by the KCDXC.

So, get your DX Contest model coffee pot perking and grab some of those new ones.

The bands have been pretty good on the lower frequencies over the last few days. The 5H and 5I DXpedition have been very active on 80 Meters and were easy an catch for your editor. If you haven't got them yet, don't forget to watch the FT8 frequencies on



80. 5I4ZZ was a "one call" surprise around 0400Z barefoot a few nights ago. Yes, I know, even blind squirrels find a few acorns occasionally.

The active E44CC group has been on 40, 80 and 160 every night but appears to be permanently Deaf according to many who have spotted them on the clusters. I heard them well one evening out of the last 5 or 6 nights. K0XM reports hearing the E44CC on 80 from his new set up! Palestine used to be very rare and was seldom heard on any band by black hole W0 land DXers. It seems the authorities there are allowing many stations/DXpeditions on the air in recent weeks. Of course, this is good for DX and radio sporting!

TI9A group has been very active from Cocos Island in recent days:

There has been a Euro group that has been all over the place the last week or so. I needed only a digi contact and had all bands from 160-10 confirmed. I asked N0CWR and he didn't need them any band or mode. We discussed how strange it was that we did not need them almost anywhere. I did some checking and found why we and many other local DXers did not need TI9.

There was a DXpedition to TI9 back in 2002 that had a long time KCDXC member in the group of ops. This is what their web page says:

"Bill - AK0A - OUR QSL MANAGER:

DIRECT QSL INFO:

WILLIAM F. BOECKENHAUPT

8904 WESTBROOKE DR

OVERLAND PARK, KS 66212

USA

Licensed since 1967, active in all modes, winner of many contests in my younger days. Recent DX-Pedition, V31GE, TI2/AK0A (over 5000 qso's on RTTY). Member of the Kansas City DX Club."



KI7WO and N7DF were also on the TI9 team and had KCDXC ties.

Obviously, many of us had worked them everywhere and on all modes because we knew one of the guys on the other end of the coax: AK0A.

Check out the TI9 web page from the 2002 group:

<https://www.qsl.net/ti2hmg/cocosmembers.htm>

SOUTH ORKNEY ISLAND DXPEDITION(CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1)

VP8PJ SOUTH ORKNEY DXPEDITION NEWS (Update). Gene, K5GS, reports on Tuesday, February 11th and 12th [edited]: "Most of team arrived in Punta Arenas, Chile, with the longest travel time being 40 hours, Perth, Australia => Sydney => Auckland => Santiago, Chile => Punta Arenas. Remainder of the team due in on Weds. Braveheart expected in on Feb 13th or 14th, we load the ship on the 14th and depart for Signy Island on Feb 15th. Depending on the weather, 6 days travel time to the island..... We have selected the callsign ZL1NA/MM for use during the transit between Punta Arenas -> Signy Island -> Punta Arenas. QSL Manager: Tim Beaumont, M0UWX.com. Please, do not send Bureau cards, use the OQRS for free Bureau cards. (<https://sorkney.com/qsl/>) The donation process for VP8PJ will also count as a ZL1NA/MM donation. However, there is no internet on the ship, log and LoTW uploads will be done at a later date..... Nigel Jolly arrived Punta Arenas late last night / early morning. He contacted our freight agent and arranged to load the ship on Friday morning. Still on schedule to leave for Signy on Saturday." Then on the 13th, Gene reported on the following updates:

"The entire team has now arrived in Punta Arenas. We are planning our

departure for Saturday, exact time to be determined. We'll have immigration and customs formalities and ship clearance, we'll put out a bulletin at departure time."

"Braveheart arrived Punta Arenas on Thursday morning. She'll be assigned a dock on Friday morning, take on fuel, supplies and generator petrol. Customs, Immigration and health inspections will follow.

DX-pedition equipment will be loaded on Friday afternoon. DXpedition team will board the ship Saturday morning.

We plan to leave Punta Arenas 3PM-4PM on Saturday."

Last minute update from K5GS before going to print on February 14th: This morning's schedule was reversed due to late arriving fuel trucks. We loaded the team's equipment first and will take on fuel this afternoon. Everything looks to be in good order and the crew is busily stowing the equipment in a particular sequence so we can reverse the process and offload in a priority sequence. The weather is cool, with some periods of rain. We had coffee with Skipper Matt and owner Nigel, then outside to watch the loading process. We're on schedule for Saturday afternoon departure."

EDITOR NOTES: VP8PJ will be active from the South Orkney Islands (AN-008) from approximately February 21st, through March 5th. South Orkney Island is currently #16 most wanted on Clublog. QSL via M0URX, direct or OQRS (direct and Bureau). LoTW will be uploaded 6 months after DXpedition. The following are media pages to watch:

The VP8PJ Web page is at: <https://sorkney.com> . The VP8PJ Twitter page is at: <https://twitter.com/SouthOrkneyDX> . The VP8PJ Groups.io group is at: <https://groups.io/g/VP8PJ> .

Warm up your amps and get ready to bump elbows with many thousands of your old DX friends in the pile ups!!-AB0X

3D2/R, ROTUMA (Terrible/Tragic News from Rotuma). The following has been reported from several sources. Antoine, 3D2AG, who has been active from Rotuma since December 21st, has reported that his 11 year old son (eldest) drowned on January 9th. His son accompanied him on his latest trip to Rotuma. They found his body early in the morning in the deep sea. His burial was expected to be on the 11th, and all 3D2AG/p operations are now QRT. OPDX and its readers send out our deepest sympathy to Antoine and his family.

3V, TUNISIA (Tunisia issues personal licenses to operate). The IARU (International Amateur Radio Union) Web page reports on January 7th: "The first three 'Authorizations to Operate' have been issued to 3 Tunisian amateurs. These are the first issued since 1956. 3V8HB, 3V8MN and 3V1MB will soon be on the air from their homes rather than being restricted to operating from a club station. Issuing individual authorizations to operate is a new process in Tunisia and involves a number of stages, including equipment conformity checks. This is great news for Tunisians that the process now exists so that radio amateurs can practice their hobby from homes in full compliance with the Tunisian Laws. The IARU Member Society ARAT extends its thanks to the National Agency of Frequencies, the Ministry of Telecommunications and all involved parties for making this happen." <https://iaru-r1.org/index.php/174-news/latest-news/1928-tunisia-issues-personal-licences-to-operate>

4S, SIR LANKA. Peter, DC0KK, will once again be active as 4S7KKG from Moragalla, Sri Lanka (AS-003, WLOTA 0762) until March 30th. He states that he preferably likes to be active on the Digital modes and CW. QSL via his home callsign, direct and by the Bureau. All QSOs will be uploaded to LoTW and ClubLog.

8P, BARBADOS. Richard "Dick", G3RWL, will once again be active as 8P6DR from Barbados

(NA-021) between March 8th and April 9th. Activity will be holiday style on 80-10 meters using CW and some RTTY. QSL via his home callsign, direct or by the Bureau using ClubLog's OQRS. See QRZ.com for more QSL info.

8Q, MALDIVES. Hiro, JG1SXP, will be active as 8Q7HK from Maldivian Islands (AS-013) between February 19-24th. Activity will be on 80-15 meters (possibly 160m) using FT9, CW and some SSB, with 200 watts into a 15m vertical. QSL via LoTW, eQSL, ClubLog or direct.

C2, NAURU. Nobuaki, JA0JHQ, is planning to be active from here, if he can get into the country and obtain a license. Operations look to be January 13-19th. If he receives a "C21" license, look for activity to be on 160-10 meters using CW and FT8. QSL via LoTW or direct to JA0JHQ. For more details and updates, see: <https://pandasan.jimdofree.com> <https://pandasan.jimdofree.com/謎の国ナウル>

C2, NAURU. Operators Kay/JH3AZC, Takio/JH3QFL, Hiroyuki/JR3GWZ, Taka/ JA1PFP and Mamoru/JH3VAA will be active as C21MB (on 2m EME), C21AA (on various HF bands, with focus on low-bands), C21GW (on various HF bands, with focus on low-bands), C21PF (mainly 40/20m) and C21VA (various HF bands), respectively, from Nauru Island (OC-031) between February 5-8th. QSL via their home callsigns, direct, by the Bureau or LoTW (except JH3AZC).

CN, MOROCCO. Jean-Pierre, F6CTF, has been active as CN2JF since December 10th and continues until February 28th. Activity has been on 80/40/20/17 meters using SSB and FT8. QSL via EA5GL.

CR3, MADEIRA ISLANDS. Henning, OZ2I/CT9ABR, will be using the special callsign CR3EE from Madeira (AF-014) during the ARRL DX CW Contest (February 15-16th) as a Single-Op/All-Band/Low-Power entry. Outside of the contest (before and after), Henning will sign CT9ABR. QSL both callsigns via OZ2I.

PACIFIC TOUR (Update). Operators Will/AA4NC and Ron/AA4VK will be active from 8 different islands during this year. Their schedule is as follows:

French Polynesia -- As TX4N and TX4VK between February 11-17th. Look for Will to be active during the ARRL DX CW Contest (February 15-16th) as a Single-Op-Low-Power entry.

New Zealand ----- As ZL/AA4NC and ZL/AA4VK between February 18-20th

Norfolk Island ---- As VK9NR and VK9NN between February 21-24th.

Australia ----- As VK/AA4NC and VK/AA4VK between February 24-27th

Papua New Guinea -- As P29NC and P29VK; February 28th

Solomon Islands --- As H44NC and H44VK between March 1-2nd

Vanuatu ----- As YJ0NC and YJ0VK between March 3-6th.

Fiji ----- As 3D2AA during the ARRL DX SSB Contest (March 7-8th) as a Single-Op-Low-Power entry. Operator will be Will.

Activity on most islands will be holiday style on 160-10 meters using CW, SSB and FT8/FT4. QSL TX4N, ZL/AA4NC, VK/AA4NC, P29NC, H44NC and YJ0NC via EA5GL. QSL TX4VK, ZL/AA4VK, VK9NN, VK/AA4VK, P29VK, H44VK and YJ0VK via AA4VK direct.

The current sun spot situation

W3UR said in the Daily DX on 2/13/20 "During the last 12 months we have had 269 spotless days (74%) and the current stretch is the last 10 days. There were 273 spotless days (75%) in 2019. There were 268 spotless days in 2008 through solar minimum in December and 260 spotless days in 2009.

There have been 626 spotless days since the Cycle 24-25 transition began in 2016. The SILSO Spotless Days web page forecasts 750 to 1100 spotless days during the Cycle 24-25 transition with solar minimum in May 2020 (+/- 10 months). During the Cycle 23-24 transition there were 817 spotless days with 508 spotless days during four years before solar minimum in December 2008 and 309 spotless days during the two years after solar minimum.

Perhaps the most useful propagation pages for Amateur Radio Operators can be found at <http://dx.qsl.net/propagation/> and www.solarham.net/ -Thanks, to Bernie, W3UR

A SPECIAL THANKS TO THE SOUTH ORKNEY WEB PAGE, DAILY DX BULLETIN BY W3UR AND THE OHIO/PENN DX BULLETIN!!

CROWNE PLAZA ROOMS FOR DAYTON 2020!!

The KCDXC contract with Crowne Plaza has been completed for 2020! W0ZAP will be accepting your reservations for Hamvention 2020. The cost for rooms for 2020 will remain the same as in the past at \$149 for a standard block of three nights over Hamvention weekend starting on Thursday, May 16, with check out on Sunday morning, May 19. Double rooms are available for club members with roommates or singles for one bed rooms. Contact W0ZAP, Rick, at w0zap@arrl.net to make your room reservation for Hamvention 2020. As in the past we must prepay the first night's stay prior to the end of March 2020.

DXCC CARD CHECKING AT KCDXC MEETING

ACOA and AB0X are available for DXCC & WAS card checking services at most KCDXC meetings. Please remember to load your cards into the DXCC system on the ARRL web page prior to the meeting and print out the forms for checking. The cost is less and checking is easier for the checkers. Remember to bring a stamped and addressed envelopes with the forms for the checkers. Contact the checkers if you have large quantities of cards to be checked prior to the meeting: freeland66215@sbcglobal.net or ab0x@kc.rr.com .

NEW W0XE LOGGING PROGRAM AVAILABLE FOR W0AR!

Don, W0XE, has remodeled his W0AR logging program for 2020 and has sent it out all to all. It is a simple, but highly efficient, record keeping program for W0AR Contest. Contact W0XE at ddevins@kc.rr.com if you missed the email.

Contact the Editor of the KC DX News at ab0x@kc.rr.com if you have news or comments.



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